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1. ACCORDING TO CORDEAU, WFP REP IN CHARGE OSRO PROGRAM,
CURRENT STATUS OSRO PURCHASE IF 5,400 MT GRAINS ALREADY PURCHASED
LOCALLY AND FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT TO
SAHEL STORAGE TOTAL 6,720 MT. THIS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN
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EARLIER ESTIMATE REPORTED REF C. 201,607,000 FCFA BEING

USED FOR GRAIN PURCHASE, 35,360,428 FOR TRANSPORT AND 5,000,000 FOR STORAGE, HANDLING AND EXPERTS' TRAVEL. THIS TOTALS 241,969,428 FCFA WHICH EXCEEDS GERMAN-DONATED OSRO FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE TO CORDEAU BY ABOUT 11,000,000 CFCFA. THIS QUANTITY PLUS SOUS-COMITE STOCKS OF 2,310 MT EQUALS 9,030MT TO BE PREPOSITIONED IN SAHEL AND AVAILABLE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION. THIS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN AMOUNTS REFERRED TO BY KALMOGO IN REF B, BUT HE PROBABLY NOW AWARE OF EXACT AMOUNTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHANGING FREQUENTLY. AT PRESENT, APPROXIMATELY 1,200 MT OSRO PURCHASES ALREADY PREPOSITIONED IN NORTH AND THIS AMOUNT INCREASING STEADILY. NO FURTHER OSRO PURCHASES PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED AS NO ADDITIONAL DONORS LOCATED, ALTHOUGH CORDEAU HAS HEARD AUSTRALIANS MAY BE CONSIDERING ASSISTANCE.

2. NO KNOWLEDGE HERE OF QUOTE PROJECTED RELIEF PROGRAM IMPORTS OVER NEXT COUPLE MONTHS UNQUOTE REFERRED TO IN KALMOGO CONVERSATION, PARA 3, REF B. LOCAL OFFICIALS AND OTHER DONOR REPS INDICATE NO FOOD RELIEF IMPORTS PLANNED FOR UPPER VOLTA AND NO GOUV REQUESTS RECIVED. IMPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT ARE COMMERCIAL DESTINED FOR GRANT MOULIN OF BANFORA.

3. REFERENCE IN PARA 2, REF A TO U.S. DONATED GRAIN HELD BY OFNACER BEING AVAILABLE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION ENTIRELY CORRECT. STATEMENT IN REF D APPLIES TO LOCAL AND IMPORTED COMMERCIAL SUPPLIES WHICH MAKE UP BULK OF OFNACER STOCKS. OFNACER HAS APPROXIMATELY 2,500 MT OF U.S. SORGHUM WHICH WILL, UNDER CURRENT PLANS, EVENTUALLY BE OFFERED FOR SALE, AS PROVIDED IN TA. HAVE RECEIVED DRAFT LETTER PREPARED BY OFNACER JUSTIFYING SALE OF U.S. SORGHUM AT STATED PRICE. THIS LETTER NOW BEING CLEARED THROUGH MINCOMMERCE. WILL INFORM AND TRANSMIT DETAILS WHEN OFFICIALLY RECEIVED.

4. CDO NOW INFORMED BY CORDEAU, WHICH REPORT CONFIRMED BY SANON, THAT GOUV HAS REQUESTED OSRO HELP IN FUNDING TRANSPORT TO SAHEL OF ALL GRAIN NOW AT ORD LEVEL, INCLUDING THAT NOT PURCHASED BY OSRO. THUS GOUV HAS REQUESTED OSRO USE REMAINING FUNDS SOLELY TO FINANCE TRANSPORT OF ORD GRAIN INSTEAD OF CONTINUING BUYING CAMPAIGN. CORDEAU SEEKING OSRO CONCURRENCE THIS CHANGED USE OF FUNDS. GOUV ESTIMATES 5,000MT REMAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AVAILABLE AT ORD LEVEL IN EXCESS WHAT OSRO PURCHASING. OSRO HAS BEEN PLANNING SPEND 35,360,428 FCFA FOR TRANSPORT, BUT MOST THIS AMOUNT NOT YET DISBURSED.

5. CDO INFORMALLY AND WITH ABSOLUTELY NO COMMITMENT DISCUSSED WITH SANON POSSIBILITY U.S. CONTRIBUTION THROUGH OSRO FOR ENLARGED TRANSPORT PROGRAM. ROUGH ESTIMATE INDICATES 30,000,000 FCFA COULD TRANSPORT THE 5,000MT GRAIN TO SAHEL.

SANON STATES GOUV WOULD BE VERY PLEASED WITH U.S. CONTRIBU-
THIS PURPOSE. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, ANY SUCH ASSISTANCE
WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED EXPEDITIOUSLY (OR AT LEAST FIRM
COMMITMENT SO MADE) AS RAINY SEASON APPROACHES AND SOME
RAINS HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED. CDO/EMBASSY BELIEVE SUCH U.S.
SUPPORT WOULD BE SOUND INVESTMENT IN EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY
PREPARATION. REQUEST AID/W VIEWS POSSIBILITY FAVORABLE
U.S. RESPONSE THIS REQUEST ASAP. DECON 12-13-75.
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